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REMARKS

In the Office action dated September 8, 2005, claims 1-3, 7-10, 14-18, 29, 31-34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,734,732 issued to Cavers (“Cavers”). Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cavers.

Claims 1-4, 7-10, 14-18, 29, 31-34, and 36 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 5-6, 11, 19-21, 23, 30, and 35 have been amended. No new matter has been added hereby. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response and reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments. Applicants' remarks, below, are preceded by quotations of the related comments of the Examiner.

**Claims 1-3, 7-10, 14-18, 29, 31-34 and 36 are still rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cavers (Fig. 1) (of record) for reasons of record.**

Claims 1-3, 7-10, 14-18, 29, 31-34, and 36 have been canceled without prejudice, therefore the rejection is moot with respect to these claims.

**Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cavers (Fig. 1) (of record) for reasons of record.**

Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice, therefore, the rejection is moot with respect to this claim.

**Claims 5, 6, 11-13, 19-28, 30 and 35 are still objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.**

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-6, 11-13, 19-28, 30 and 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Claims 5, 6, and 11 have been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of now-canceled claim 1 and should be allowable. Claims 12 and 13 as originally presented depend directly from allowable claim 11 and, thus, should also be allowable.

Claims 19-21 have been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of now-canceled claim 18 and should be allowable. Claim 22 as originally presented depends from allowable claim 22 and, thus, should also be allowable.

Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of now-canceled claim 18 and should be allowable. Claims 24-28 as originally presented depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 23 and, thus, should also be allowable.

Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of now-canceled claim 18 and should be allowable.

Claim 35 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of now-canceled claim 33 and should be allowable.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 6, 11-13, 19-28, 30, and 35 as amended are in condition for allowance. Applicants' amendment of the claims does not constitute a concession that the claims are not allowable in their unamended form.

An appropriate fee to cover the two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.  
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response after the final Office action. Applicants further respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of claims 5, 6, 11-13, 19-28, 30, and 35. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

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